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SUBJ: NATO AEW MINISTERIAL MEETING: QUADRI - AND BI-LATERAL
SCHEDULE

REF: A. STATE 061944 DTG 192109Z MAR 77
B. CASH-SEIGLE TELECON, MARCH 22
C. BONN 04954 DTG 211634Z MAR 77)(NOTAL)

1. WE PROPOSE IN PARAGRAPH 3, BELOW, A SCHEDULE FOR QUADRILATER-
AL AND BILATERAL MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF A. OUR JUDGMENT
IS THAT THE BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH UK MINISTER MULLEY AND FRG
MINISTER LEBER ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT AS THEY BEAR ON SEEKING
AGREEMENT ON A NATO AEW PROGRAM. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THESE
PARTICULAR BILATERALS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON MARCH 24, IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO PERMIT FURTHER BILATERAL WORK, IF NECE-
SSARY, PRIOR TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. THUS, WE PROPOSE QUAD-
RILATERAL BREAKFAST MEETING ON MARCH 25, FOLLOWING EARLIER
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BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH "FULL SHARE" NATIONS.

2. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

--MINISTERS MULLEY AND DANSON WILL BE AVAILABLE
ANY TIME ON MARCH 24 AFTER SECDEF'S ARRIVAL IN
BRUSSELS. BOTH HAVE ASKED FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS.
THE CANADIAN DELEGATION HERE HAS RELAYED TO US,
HOWEVER, THAT MINISTER DANSON ONLY REQUESTS A FEW
MINUTES TO DISCUSS SOME DETAILS OF AN ALREADY-

SCHEDULED MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

--OUR LOCAL FRG CONTACTS HAVE REACTED NEGATIVELY TO A QUADRILATERAL MEETING AT ANY TIME, STATING THAT THEY WISH TO AVOID GIVING SMALLER ALLIES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FOUR "FULL SHARE" ALLIES ARE MEETING TO DECIDE TO TELL THE OTHERS WHAT TO DO.

--WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE MINISTER LEVER'S PLANNED TIME OF ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE LEARNED (REF B) THAT LEBER'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL TO DE BRIEF THE LATTER MORE FULLY ON THE MARCH 15-16 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON (REF C) IS SCHEDULED FOR 5:30 P.M. ON MARCH 24 IN BONN. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDE A US-FRG BILATERAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON THAT DAY.

--IF THE STOESSEL-LEBER MEETING IS NOT CHANGED, OR IF MINISTER LEBER'S SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT HIM TO COME TO BRUSSELS ON MARCH 24, SECDEF MAY WISH TO CONSIDER AN INTERMEDIATE STOP IN BONN ENROUTE TO BRUSSELS, IN ORDER TO TALK WITH LEBER. A PHONE CONVERSATION IS ALSO AN ALTERNATIVE, ALTHOUGH TRANSLATION REQUIREMENTS MAY MAKE IT AN AWKWARD ONE.

--GENERAL HAIG HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH SECDEF DURING
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HIS VISIT HERE.

--WE BELIEVE BILATERAL MEETING WITH ITALIAN MOD LATTANZIO COULD MOST USEFULLY BE HELD PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL MEETING -- IF ONLY TO PERMIT SECDEF TO URGE ITALIANS TO SOFT PEDAL THEIR EXPECTED LINE THAT THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO PARTICIPATE IN NATO AEW.

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3. BASED ON THE FOREGOING, AND ASSUMING MINISTER LEBER
CAN TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS ON MARCH 24, WE PROPOSE THE
FOLLOWING SCHEDULE. WE WILL PROVIDE A MORE DETAILED
SCENARIO AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE:

MARCH 24

3:30 P.M. SECDEF ARRIVES BRUSSELS; MET BY AMBASSADOR
AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF MISSION; TRAVEL TO
HOTEL.

5:45 P.M. SECDEF BILATERAL MEETING WITH CANADIAN MOD
DANSON IN SECDEF SUITE

6:00 P.M. SECDEF BILATERAL MEETING WITH UK MOD MULLEY
IN SECDEF SUITE

6:45 P.M. SECDEF BILATERAL MEETING WITH FRG MOD LEBER
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IN SECDEF SUITE

7:30 P.M. SECDEF MEETING WITH GENERAL HAIG IN SECDEF SUITE

MARCH 25

8:00 A.M. QUADRILATERAL BREAKFAST (US, CANADA, FRG, UK)
IN SECDEF SUITE

9:15 A.M. SECDEF BILATERAL MEETING WITH ITALIAN MOD
LATTANZIO IN SECDEF'S OFFICE, USNATO (ITALIANS
WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETER)

9:45 A.M. (TENT) SYG LUNS (SUBJECT TO LUNS CONFIRMATION)

10:00 A.M. MINISTERIAL MEETING

12:30-2:30 P.M. LUNCH (AT THIS TIME SYG LUNS DOES NOT REPEAT
NOT PLAN TO HOST A LUNCHEON FOR PRINCIPALS)

2:30-5:00 P.M. MINISTERIAL MEETING

6:00 P.M. PRESS CONFERENCE BY SYG LUNS

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON DESIRES ON ATTENDANCE AT

MEETINGS AND EITHER EARLY CONFIRMATION THAT SUGGESTED SCHEDULE
IS ACCEPTABLE OR GUIDANCE ON CHANGES DESIRED.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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